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PROGRAM TITLE

UNCLE SAM'S FOREST RANGERS #650

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AGENCY

WRITER

DAY & DATE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1943

TIME

PRODUCTION NOTESCHARACTERSCAST

BESS	-	HAZEL DOPHIEDE
MARY	-	LUCILE HASTING
JIM	-	HARVEY HAYS
JERRY	-	FRANK DANE
LEE	-	FRED SULLIVAN

SOUNDREMARKS

MASTER Attached as broadcast:

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1 ANNOUNCER: Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers!

2 MUSIC: THEME

3 ANNOUNCER: There's heartening action being taken these days to
4 ease the meat situation throughout the country. Leading
5 stockmen of the West are advocating an early marketing
6 program that holds fine promise for helping to get out
7 this year the meat supplies that are urgently needed
8 this year, for adjusting the remaining numbers of livestock
9 to the local available supplies of range and farm feeds,
10 and assuring for next year and the next a maximum
11 production of livestock. In this program Uncle Sam's
12 Forest Rangers of course are lending their hearty support..
13 Now to the Pine Cone Ranger Station where we find Ranger
14 Jim Robbins' wife Bess and Mary Halloway, the local
15 schoolma'am. Mary, as you know, is the sweetheart of Jim's
16 assistant, Jerry Quick, and that probably accounts in part
17 for her fierce loyalty to the Forest Service, which she
18 seems to be demonstrating at the present moment. Here they
19 are:

20 MARY: (FADING IN) I tell you, Mrs. Robbins, I was so upset about
21 what the children told me, I just couldn't get my mind
22 back on teaching all afternoon.

23 BESS: Children exaggerate so, Mary.

24 MARY: Yes, I know, but they must have heard something like that
25 just the same. Oh, I wish Mr. Robbins were here.

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1 BESS: He and Jerry ought to be in shortly, Mary. And I know
2 they'll tell you it's all just foolish child's gossip.

3 MARY: I do hope you're right. After all the Ranger wouldn't
4 cancel the grazing permits of those Beaver Creek people
5 without some good reason, would he?

6 BESS: Of course not, Mary. Especially now, when he and Jerry are
7 working so hard with the ranchers and farmers to produce
8 more meat.

9 MARY: That's just the point though, Mrs. Robbins. That's what
10 lends strength to what the children told me..

11 BESS: I'm not sure I understand, Mary.

12 MARY: Well, if those ranchers didn't have any range, wouldn't
13 they have to sell their cattle right away, with home feed
14 as scarce as it is now?

15 BESS: Oh dear, that's an awful thought, Mary. But I know Jim
16 wouldn't have any part in such doings as that. He couldn't,
17 not Jim.

18 MARY: Well, I guess we'll find out soon enough. There's Mr.
19 Robbins and Jerry coming up the driveway now.

20 BESS: Mary?

21 MARY: Yes, Mrs. Robbins?

22 BESS: Mary, maybe you oughtn't to tell Jim about this, just yet.
23 It'll be bound to upset him and, well, there's probably
24 nothing to it after all.
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1 MARY: But Mrs. Robbins, this rumor - if that's all it really is -
2 it could do an awful lot of harm, don't you see. I still
3 think Mr. Robbins ought to know.

4 BESS: (RESIGNED) All right, Child, I suppose he should at that.

5 SCREEN DOOR OPENS, CLOSES

6 JERRY: (COMING ON) Hi there! Well, Mary! Surprise, huh?
7 Staying for supper?

8 MARY: Hello, Jerry...I don't know about supper...

9 BESS: Of course you're staying for supper, Mary...Jim, Mary's
10 got something to tell you.

11 JIM: Say! What're you two lookin' so down in the mouth about?

12 JERRY: Yeah. A fine reception. Jim and I get back here all pepped
13 up from seeing a lotta fine stock coming off the range for
14 market and..

15 JIM: What's the trouble, Mary?

16 MARY: Mr. Robbins, are you going to make those folks in the Beaver
17 Creek section move all their cattle off the range?

18 JERRY: Hey, hold on there, Mary. Where'd you get any such cock
19 and bull story as that?

20 BESS: You see, Mary. It isn't true at all.

21 JIM: Wait a minute, all of you. What's all this about, Mary?

22 MARY: Well, several of the children at school told me today that
23 word has got around that you plan to close down the
24 grazing privileges in the Beaver Creek area right away, before
25 the regular grazing season ends.

1 JERRY: Good gravy! what next? I'd just like to get my mitts
2 on the bird who started any crazy talk like that.

3 JIM: The kids told you that, huh, Mary?

4 MARY: Yes, Mr. Robbins. And the youngsters boasted that their
5 fathers are all getting together to stop you.

6 JERRY: But it isn't so! The grazing season hasn't ended
7 yet over there around Beaver Creek. If we'd had a drought
8 or a bad fire or something, why that'd be different, but
9 shucks, there isn't any reason for this crazy talk.

10 JIM: (BITTER) This is just another doggonned example of how
11 a rumor can get started and finally grow and grow 'til
12 it throws the proverbial monkey wrench into everything.
13 This is mighty bad, coming along now, especially.

14 BESS: Because of the early marketing program, Jim?

15 JIM: Yes that's it, Bess. We've been counting on those folks
16 over there in Beaver Creek to cooperate in marketing their
17 grass-fat cattle early this Fall. Now they'll get the
18 impression that they're being forced to do it.

19 MARY: I told young Bobby Goodhart that the whole thing must be
20 a horrible mistake.

21 JIM: You're talking about Lee Goodhart's boy?

22 MARY: Yes, sir. Bobby seemed to know more about all this than
23 the other children and I gathered it was his father who is
24 most incensed about it.
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1 JIM: That's all I want to know, Mary. Come on, Jerry.

2 JERRY: Here we go again.. Heading for Goodhart's place huh, Jim?

3 BESS: But, Jim, supper is about ready.

4 JIM: It'll have to wait, Bess. Those folks over there in that
5 Beaver Creek Country may just be what we'd call small
6 livestock men, compared to some of the big outfits we've
7 got around, but still they're mighty important to the
8 success of this cattle marketing program. This program's
9 something everybody's got to be in on, the little fella as
10 well as the big.

11 JERRY: So we've got a nasty rumor to nip in the bud, huh Jim?

12 JIM: Right. And the sooner the better.

13 BESS: You'll be careful, Jim? If what Mary says is true, you're
14 not likely to be exactly welcome in Beaver Creek, you know..

15 JIM: (SERIOUS) Don't worry, Bess. We'll be all right. (FADE)
16 Coming, Jerry?

17 PAUSE

18 LEE: (FADING IN) I toldja you ain't welcome here, Robbins.
19 Us folks thought you'd have better sense than to come up
20 her personal. We figured you'd do what you're plannin'
21 to do by writin' letters, see?... But long's you're here,
22 go ahead and say what you've gotta say. And then I reckon
23 you better get outa here, you and your young Ranger buddy..

JERRY: Jim, this is worse than we thought, but that's no reason why we should have to take this sort of...

JIM: Hold it, Jerry..Lee, it's funny how a lotta folks during wartime let pure horse-sense and reason fly out the window all of a sudden....Some stupid talk gets started and do they tear it apart to see if it's true? No! They go hog-wild without checking for the facts.

LEE: What's all that got to do with you fellas chasing our stock off the range before the regular season we've paid for is over with?

JIM: Just this, Lee. Nobody's going to chase you off the range. That's just plain stupid talk, and you oughta know it. I don't know how a story like that ever got started with you fellas here in Beaver Creek.

LEE: Hold on now, Jim! You two Rangers oughta get together.

JERRY: Huh? What do you mean by that, Mr. Goodhart?

LEE: Just what I say. If I get Jim right, there's nothin' to this business of moving us off the range.

JIM: That's right. And I've never lied to you folks yet.

LEE: Well, that ain't what Matt Talbert heard your young Ranger here say to a bunch of men in Winding Creek just the other day.

JIM: Matt Talbert? Winding Creek? What's this all about, Jerry?

JERRY: Shucks, you got me, Jim.

LEE: Now wait a minute. You mean to stand there, bald-faced, and tell us you never made the statement that if us folks in Beaver Creek knew what was good for us we'd get our cattle off the range pronto?

JIM: (STERNLY) Jerry, did you say that?

JERRY: Holy smokes! (LAUGHS HEARTILY) So I'm the guy that really started all this confounded mess.

JIM: What's so doggonned funny?

LEE: See, that's what he said, all right.

JERRY: Aw, listen now, both of you....Sure that's what I said. I guess the trouble is that that's all Matt Talbert heard me say; he wasn't around long enough to hear the rest of ut.

LEE: I reckon Matt thought he'd heard enough right there. I know I would've.

JIM: I shouldn't wonder. What was this little session you had with those fellas all about, Jerry?

JERRY: Just what we've all been talking about for the last month, Jim. Getting the grass-fat cattle to market early this year.

JIM: But how did you come to make a statement like that, Jerry?

JERRY: Aw, Jim, lay off, will you? Here's exactly what happened, see? I was telling the men about this early marketing program, see? All about its importance to the war job, how we gotta good chance now to get meat rolling. The whole thing started when somebody asked me what the winter feed situation was going to be like. I told 'em it looked like it was goin' to be pretty tight.

LEE: Yeah, but what's got to do with your crack about us Beaver Creek cattlemen?

JERRY: I'm coming to that, Mr. Goodhart. I was telling the men that we're right about at the time when we oughta move our surplus grass-fat beef, see? Then the feed that's left on the range can go to keeping the breeding stock in good shape, and that way, the range will get a break too.

LEE: Shucks, there's no argument there. But what about Beaver Creek?

JERRY: Well someone asked about you folks up here, and your stock. They wanted to know if your cattle hadn't reached the point right now where they weren't goin' to be gaining any more weight on the range and so they ought to be marketed. See?

JIM: And that's when you made the remark that Matt heard, huh?

JERRY: Yeah. You see, I pointed out that none of us ought to overlook the fact that shipping facilities are bound to be better right now than later.

JIM: True enough. Later on it might be kinda tough getting cars in here.

JERRY: Right. Well, about then I guess was when I said that if the Beaver Creek folks knew what was good for them they'd get their stock off the range, pronto. But how Matt twisted that to mean we were going to chase you off is beyond me, Mr. Goodhart.

JIM: (CHUCKLING) You were talking about their stock that's already in top condition and ready to market, huh, Jerry?

1 JERRY: Sure! Good gravy, I never figured it'd be taken like it
2 was. Everything wouldn't've been okay if Matt had just
3 hung around and listened to the rest of it.

4 LEE: (SERIOUS) Doggone that Matt Talbert anyway...You were right,
5 Jim. I reckon some of us don't take enough time to
6 reason things out these days.. About this early marketing
7 program, now. Shucks, us fellas here in Beaver Creek were
8 all lined up solid to go along with you before this
9 cockeyed story started going around. We know we ought
10 to move our stock when the movin's good, like now. We're
11 with you a hundred percent on that, Jim!

12 JIM: That's fine, Lee, mighty fine...Well, Jerry, I reckon we
13 better head back to the Ranger Station, before Bess and
14 Mary let their imagination run away with them.

15 MUSICAL FINALE

16 ANNOUNCER: Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers comes to you each week during
17 the National Farm and Home Hour as a network presentation
18 with the cooperation of the Forest Service, United States
19 Department of Agriculture.....

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